saying that to make a woman pecuniarily independent is very often to make her immoral. Yet perhaps we must not take this opinion too seriously from that master of inconsistency, for., though known all his life as a lover of paradox, it was not till late in life that he married a woman., sufficiently rich to continue after marriage her own separate establishment.

Indian women are jealously guarded, protected against themselves. So that almost never does a Hindu woman learn that saddest of all lessons that marriage is an institution to save a woman from that side of a man's nature which it is wisest to leave undisturbed. That when unrestrained by law, the greater a woman's love the more relentless will he be towards her when the day of disillusion dawns and that devotion becomes inconvenient to him.

Baber, one of the finest all-round men who ever lived, throws a lurid light on this point when he writes in his immortal memoirs, an old, rare edition I routed out of the dust in the Delhi City Library, "Sultan Ahmed

Mirza
married Kotak Begum for love. He was
prodigiously attached to her, and she governed
him with absolute sway. She drank wine,^

* Equivalent to a suffragette of to-day.

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